

[UNLV Office of Information Technology \(OIT\)](#)

Student Computer Use Policy

Principles

Academic freedom in education and research and the right of freedom of speech for enrolled students are fundamental principles of UNLV and the [Nevada System of Higher Education](http://system.nevada.edu/) (<http://system.nevada.edu/>). Neither these policies limits or removes the right of free speech or the academic freedom of enrolled students in the learning process, nor relaxes their responsibilities as members of the campus community. This computing policy seeks to achieve objectives necessary for the legitimate and proper use of the UNLV computing resources. It is intended that these ends should be achieved in ways that respect the legitimate interests and rights of computer users. UNLV acknowledges its responsibilities to respect and advance free academic inquiry, free expression, reasonable expectations of privacy, due process, equal protection of the law, and legitimate ownership of intellectual property.

Use of Computing Resources

The student computing resources of the University of Nevada Las Vegas are the property of UNLV and are intended for the support of currently enrolled students. Student computer labs and mainframe computers are provided as a service to enrolled students. Use is a privilege, not a right. Appropriate use of UNLV computing resources means 1) respecting the rights of other computer users, 2) protecting the integrity of the physical software facilities, 3) complying with all pertinent license and contractual agreements, 4) Use of only assigned account(s) or account information, and 5) obeying all UNLV and NSHE regulations, state and federal laws.

Inappropriate use of computing or networking resources, as defined in this policy, may result in Student Judicial sanctions and/or the loss of computing privileges. Inappropriate use would include but is not limited to:

1. Duplicating or using copyrighted materials without appropriate licenses and/or permission.
2. Copying, renaming, altering, examining, or deleting the files, programs, or work of another person or without permission.
3. Using a computer to harass, send offensive messages, or knowingly cause a computer or system crash.
4. Attempting to disrupt services of the computing and network systems, including the knowing propagation of computer viruses or the bombardment of individuals, groups, or the system with numerous repeated unwanted messages.
5. Using computer resources for non-university or non-academic work, such as for private business or for a non-UNLV sanctioned club.
6. Moving, reconfiguring, or tampering with equipment or engaging in activity of any kind that could disrupt services or damage computers or printers.
7. Using the computer account of another person without their permission.
8. Accessing or attempting to access a host computer, either at UNLV or through a network, without the owner's permission, and/or through use of log-in information belonging to another person. This does apply to FTP, Web, or other servers that are setup for the specific purpose of being available for public access.

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Please also preview the [Student Computer Lab Rules \(/labs-classrooms/lab-rules\)](#) if you plan to use the [OIT Computer Labs \(http://oit.unlv.edu/labs-classrooms/computer-labs\)](#).